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SUBJECT: SECRETARIAL MESSAGE

FOR AMBASSADORS BUNKER AND JORDEN FROM THE SECRETARY

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGEFROMTHE SECRETARY
TO FOREIGN MINISTER TACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR TONY: BY THE TIME YOU RECEIVE THIS
LETTER YOU WILL ALREADY HAVE LEARNED OF THECHANGEWHICH
IS TAKING PLACE IN OUR PRESIDENCY. IN THELIGHTOFTHESE
EVENTS I WANTED TO ASSURE YOU FORTHWITH THAT THIS WILL
NOT AFFECT IN ANY WAY THE NEGOTIATION WHICH WEHAVE
BEGUN TO DRAFT A NEW, MODERN TREATY GOVERNING THE PANAMA
CANAL.

3. PRESIDENT FORD HAS ASKED ME TO CONTINUEASSECRETARY
OF STATE AND I HAVE TOLD HIM THAT I WOULD BE HONORED TO
DO SO. ONE OF MY HIGHEST PRIORITIES AS I CONTINUEIN
MY RESPONSIBILITIES WILL BE TO PRESS AHEAD WITH THE
NEGOTIATIONS IN ORDER TO CONCLUDE A NEW TREATY PROMPTLY.

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4. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONVEYING THE SUBSTANCE OF

THIS MESSAGE ALSO TO PRESIDENT LAKAS AND GENERAL TORRIJOS
SO THAT THEY ALSO WILL HAVE NO DOUBTS WHATSOEVER ABOUT

OUR CONTINUED ADHERENCE TO OUR COMMITMENT. WARMEST
REGARDS. HENRY. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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